

COCKADE CITY.

FATAL CASE OF PARALYSIS—FIVE HOUSES BURNED.

Non-Action of the Liquor-Dealers—Novel Negotiable Note—Practical Use for a Coffin, &c.

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It is stated that a citizen of one of the adjacent counties has had for some years a coffin in his house, intended to enclose his body when death occurs. But being a practical man the coffin is meanly made to serve the purpose of storage and such convenient use as may be made of it.

The farmers throughout this section are hard at work preparing for the spring seeding, and they are pretty well advanced in their operations. It is said that up to this time much less guno has been sold than last year.

It is said that petitions for appointment to the various offices within his gift are pouring in upon the gentleman recently nominated for postmaster in a manner altogether lively. Of course he will not intimate what changes he will make until his confirmation is secured, of which he feels no doubt.

ROBIN ADAIR.

NORFOLK.

Murders in Jail—The Shooting of Bigood—Cops, &c.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., March 23, 1866.

Our county, usually so quiet and orderly, has recently been the scene of two murders and one serious shooting, which came near resulting fatally. Boling Parker, who murdered his wife's sister and also came near killing his wife, is now in jail under two indictments. His wife is in a fair way to recover. He was evidently demented at the time, as his past life has been exemplary in all respects, and has been added to drink.

THE WHITE-WARD CASE.

Failure to Complete the Jury So Far—Public Interest.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, VA., March 24.—In

the case of the Commonwealth vs. Dr. White, upon the convening of the court this morning Judge Halbrook announced that on yesterday evening he had issued a second *scire facias*, resounding to-day, to complete the panel of the jurors. As the sheriff could not be able to make return of the writ until this afternoon, the Court signified its readiness to dispose of the objections made yesterday to the competency of the first juror, who was conditionally accepted, as reported yesterday.

After the examination of two witnesses and a slight re-examination of this juror himself, the Court held him to be competent and he was accepted without further objection on the part of the Commonwealth. A recess was then taken.

At 4 P. M. the session was resumed, when thirteen talesmen, summoned under the second writ, were examined, and all having formed or expressed opinions such as to disqualify them, they were discharged and no other juror obtained. This necessitated the issuance of a third writ, and a hundred salesmen from different and remote sections of the county are being summoned to-morrow to complete the panel if possible. Every reasonable effort will be made to secure the jury from this county, but doubt was expressed at the bar and by the Court as to the feasibility of this effort.

There is a strong array of counsel on both sides of this case. Judge Ward, who is Commonwealth's attorney for this county, is the party assaulted and the chief prosecuting witness. In consequence Mr. John L. Rowan, of this place, has been appointed to represent the Commonwealth along with Major Thomas N. Williams, of Lynchburg, who is employed to prosecute. In behalf of the defendant, General James A. Walker, of Wytheville; Major R. H. Henry, of Jeffersonville, and Messrs. Routh and Stuart, of Lebanon and this place, appear. The case continues to awaken the keenest interest and draws large crowds to the court-room.

DANVILLE.

The Hotel at Danville Burned—Loss and Insurance.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

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The hotel at Danville, at the junction of the Richmond and Danville and Virginia Midland railroads, was burned this morning, together with all the furniture and provisions. The hotel was conducted by Mr. L. M. Hawkins. His loss is about \$700; insurance \$40. The building belonged to Mr. D. A. Overby. He estimates the entire loss at \$3,000; insurance \$2,000.

The remains of Mrs. James P. Harren were taken to the University of Virginia to-day for burial.

ELIA.

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A good-sized meeting of the business men of Norfolk and Portsmouth was held at the Atlantic Hotel to-day to confer with General J. D. Imboden, with the view of formulating a plan by which the statistics of this section of Virginia can best be gathered and presented for record at the United States Treasury Department.

Hon. Marshall Parks called the meeting to order and introduced General Imboden, who addressed the gathering

at considerable length, stating the character of information wanted—such as statistics of the transportation lines, the trades industries, trucking and other interests, coastwise trade, &c., and improvements proposed in this section in the future. He stated, in conclusion, that he would be in Norfolk again in about two weeks, and would submit to another meeting a synopsis of what he desired furnished the bureau.

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